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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. On 21 JAN, the Philosophy Forum will host Professor Lonneke Peperkamp of Radboud University who will give a talk titled, "Space Wars: Regulating Military Activities in Space." The event will take place in the Haig Room at 1930.

Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

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1. On 09 January, LTC Wallen (G&EnE) along with COL Hill (CME) will initiate and lead a project management professional (PMP) review course in WH5326 from 1630-1730. The 15-session course will meet every Tuesday and Thursday in January and February and already has 30 staff, faculty, and other professionals across West Point signed up to take the course. More are welcome to join in the pursuit of their certification as a PMP.

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1. On 08 January G&EnE initiated the use of the newly installed Hyper-wall as a classroom instruction aid in Washington Hall. Measuring 8ft. x 12ft. this 4k high resolution screen can dramatically increase the effectiveness of teaching Geospatial Information Science (GIS) oriented classes. The distinct advantage of using the Hyper-wall is its capacity to employ the capabilities of modern software packages that are used in the GIS discipline to visualize data that was previously not an option. Approximately 200 cadets per semester will enjoy this improved learning experience.
2. On 06 January, the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Student Chapter, incorporated an industry advisor to the leadership team. Mr. David Leun, Municipal Engineer Department Manager, H2M Architects & Engineers will facilitate multi-disciplinary integration between the club and industry with opportunities for growth and development. Mr. Leun is prior service and is excited to support our Cadets!

3. On 06 January, the AIAD window was made available to cadets to prioritize their AIAD interests which includes the opportunities for 31x GEnE AIAD opportunities. GEnE has developed partnerships with DoD Humanitarian Assistance Projects, NATO, US Institute of Peace, ARCENT, Marshall Center for European Security Studies and others for cadet AIAD's. Destinations include Iceland, Germany, Israel, Hawaii, Italy, and Jordan, with many local and CONUS locations as well.

DEPARTMENT: Physics and Nuclear Engineering

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1. The American Physical Society has announced that the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering, at the United States Military Academy, has been selected as a regional host site for the 2021 Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiP). Approximately 12-14 universities around the United States and Canada are selected each year to host CUWiP at their institution. An estimated 150-200 undergraduate students in physics and other science and engineering disciplines attend. Additionally, West Point will invite an estimated 100 high school students to attend the conference. They will participate in leadership and innovation technology panels and workshops and undergraduate students will be given the opportunity to present their own research. The theme of the conference at West Point is "Be Bold, Be Brave, Be Physics" and will be held from 15-17 January 2021.

2. Dr. Paula Fekete attended the Winter Meeting of American Astronomical Society (AAS), held 4-8 January in Honolulu, HI. This is the largest meeting of the Society and it was attended by over 2300 astronomers. In addition to attending presentations by leading experts in the field on topics at the forefront of current research in astronomy, Dr. Fekete participated in a Python workshop presenting Astropy, a subset of Python code especially developed by and for the astronomy programming community. She also presented a poster, co-authored with LTC Diana Loucks, entitled What should a 4-course space sequence offer to future military officers? The poster, highlighting program goals and syllabi, lessons learned while developing and teaching these courses, cadet feedback about the courses and plans for the future attracted attention and it may lead to an article about the program in the publication Space.com.

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1. 13 January. **Dr. Julie Chernov Hwang**, an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Goucher College, will guest lecture with *SS466: Combating Terrorism*, on “Why Terrorists Quit? The Disengagement of Indonesian Jihadists.” Dr. Hwang’s research focuses on how social networks facilitate entry into and exit from jihadist groups in Southeast Asia. She is the author of *Why Terrorists Quit: The Disengagement of Indonesian Jihadists* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2018) and *Peaceful Islamist Mobilization in the Muslim World: What Went Right* (New York: Palgrave, 2009) and co-editor of *Islamist Parties and Political Normalization in the Muslim World*, (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014 w/ Quinn Mecham).
2. 17 January. The **International Affairs program** will host future members of faculty that are currently in grad school for a day of orientation. The day’s events include group sessions, class observation, and one-on-one sessions with program leadership. The events are designed to make sure that these leaders are maximizing the grad school years and ready to hit the ground running upon arrival to USMA and the Department of Social Sciences.
3. 30 January. **Dr. Joana Cook**, a Senior Research Fellow at the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, and a Research Associate in the Department of War Studies, will visit *SS466: Combating Terrorism* to deliver a guest lecture titled: “Safeguarding and Securing Cyberspace.” Dr. Cook’s research more broadly focuses on women in violent extremism, countering violent extremism, and counter-terrorism practices. Her PhD examined women in relation to post-9/11 U.S. counterterrorism responses in Yemen and the wider MENA region.

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Nothing significant to report // holiday break.